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REMARKS

In the final Office Action claims 1, 2, 6, 16 and 19-21 are pending and rejected, herein claims 19-21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter thereof, new claims 22-26 are added, and claims 1, 2, 6, and 16 are herewith amended.

Applicant respectfully requests entry and favorable consideration of the amendments and remarks provided herewith.

The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance and not to raise new issues requiring search of prior art and was not earlier presented because the procedural posture of the application did not require said amendments.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 6, 16 and 19-21 are rejected as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,106,473 to Violante et al. (Violante).

Applicant herewith amends claims 1, 2, 6, and 16 and respectfully suggests that the Violante does not include each and every claim limitation of said claims and therefore Violante cannot support the present rejection as to the amended claims.

Claims 19-21 are herewith canceled without prejudice or disclaimer so the rejection is moot as to those claims.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in due course so the claimed invention may pass to timely issuance as U.S. Letters Patent.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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